AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for presenting presence information to a first user, comprising:

storing [[a]] profile information associated with a second user, ~~the second user's profile assigned a random and unique code number~~ [[,]] with ~~and~~ the second user's profile requiring a password to access the profile information;

translating the second user's profile information into a code number;

exchanging the second user's code number and password with the first user, thus allowing the first user to access the second user's profile information;

receiving a request to initiate contact with the second user;

retrieving the second user member's code number and using the code number as a pointer to retrieve the second user's profile information;

retrieving presence information of the second user indicating the second user's presence at a plurality of contact devices; and

presenting the second user's presence information to the first user, the presence information indicating the second user's presence at the plurality of contact devices.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving authorization to present the second user's presence information to the first user.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving the presence information comprises retrieving presence information for a plurality of addresses that represent at least one of different types of communications and different types of contact devices.

5.   (Canceled)

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6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending an IS-41 LocationRequest message to the second user's Home Location Register ~~wherein presenting the second user's presence information comprises presenting the presence information in an electronic interface~~.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein presenting the second user's presence information comprises presenting the presence information in an electronic interface via at least one of a computer and a telephone.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving the presence information is at least in part determined based on a time or a day of week preference from the second user's profile information ~~a profile of the second user~~.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting a graphical indicator that indicates the second user's presence at the plurality of contact devices.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 6, further comprising receiving a response to the IS-41 LocationRequest message that indicates availability ~~wherein presenting the presence information comprises causing display of the presence information to the first user~~.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving the presence information comprises at least one of i) querying a provider to determine the presence information and ii) querying a contact device to determine the presence information.

12.   (Currently Amended) A system for presenting presence information to a sender of a communication, comprising:

        an input for receiving presence information of a recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact devices; and

a processor coupled with the input, the processor storing [[a]] profile <u>information</u> associated with the recipient, the recipient's profile ~~assigned a random and unique code number, and the recipient's profile~~ requiring a password to access the profile, <u>the processor translating the second user's profile information into a code number,</u> the processor exchanging the recipient's code number and password with the sender, thus allowing the sender to access the recipient's profile <u>information, the processor receiving a request to initiate contact with the recipient, the processor retrieving the recipient's code number and using the code number as a pointer to retrieve the recipient's profile information,</u> the processor causing presentation of the recipient's presence information to the sender, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact addresses, the processor receiving a selection from the sender that selects a contact address to which the communication is addressed, and the processor initiating the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender.

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact address.

15.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.

16.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates an electronic message to an email address.

17.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates an electronic message to a text messaging address.

18.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor processes the recipient's presence information for display to the sender.

19.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor presents a graphical indicator that indicates the recipient's presence at the plurality of contact addresses.

20.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor causes display of an icon to initiate the communication from the sender to the address associated with the selected contact address.

21.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor retrieves the presence information by querying at least one of i) a provider and ii) the contact address to determine the presence information.

22.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the selection from the sender is based on the presence information.

23.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the input that receives the presence information receives a notification that the contact address is active.

24.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable ~~medium~~ storing instructions for <u>performing a</u> <u>method, the method comprising</u>:

        storing [[a]] profile <u>information</u> associated with a recipient, the recipient's profile <u>information</u> ~~assigned a random and unique code number, and the recipient's profile~~ requiring a password to access the profile;

        <u>translating the recipient's profile information into a code number;</u>

        exchanging the recipient's code number and password with a sender, thus allowing the sender to access the recipient's profile <u>information;</u>

<u>receiving a request to initiate contact with the recipient;</u>

<u>retrieving the recipient's code number and using the code number as a pointer to retrieve the recipient's profile information;</u>

retrieving presence information of the recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of addresses;

presenting the recipient's presence information to the sender, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact addresses;

receiving the communication from the sender, wherein the communication indicates a contact address selected by the sender to which the communication is sent; and

sending the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender.

25.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for sending a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact address.

26.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for sending an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.

27.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for sending an electronic message to an email address.

28.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for sending an electronic message to a text messaging address.

29.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for processing the recipient's presence information for display to the sender.

30.   (Canceled)

31.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for presenting a graphical indicator that indicates the recipient's presence at the plurality of contact addresses.

32.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for causing display of an icon to initiate the communication from the sender to the contact address selected by the sender.

33.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for at least one of i) retrieving the presence information by querying a provider to determine the presence information and ii) retrieving the presence information by querying the address to determine the presence information.

34.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, ~~wherein the instructions that retrieve the presence information~~ further comprising ~~comprise~~ instructions for receiving a notification that the contact address is active.

35.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, wherein the selection from the sender is based on the presence information.

36.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for causing display of an icon to indicate presence at at least one of a phone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a computer, and an interactive television.

37.   (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a communication from a sender to a recipient, comprising:

storing [[a]] profile <u>information</u> associated with a recipient, the recipient's profile <u>information</u> ~~assigned a random and unique code number, and the recipient's profile~~ requiring a password to access the profile;

<u>translating the recipient's profile information into a code number;</u>

exchanging the recipient's code number and password with the sender, thus allowing the sender to access the recipient's profile <u>information;</u>

<u>receiving a request to initiate contact with the recipient;</u>

<u>retrieving the recipient's code number and using the code number as a pointer to retrieve the recipient's profile information;</u>

retrieving presence information of the recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of addresses;

presenting the recipient's presence information to the sender, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact addresses;

receiving the communication from the sender, wherein the communication indicates a contact address selected by the sender to which the communication is sent; and

sending the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender.

38.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37, wherein sending the communication comprises initiating a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact address.

39.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37, wherein sending the communication comprises initiating an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.

40.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37, wherein sending the communication comprises initiating an electronic message to an email address.

41.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37, wherein sending the communication comprises initiating an electronic message to a text messaging address.

42.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37, wherein the selection from the sender is based on the presence information.

43.   (Currently Amended) An electronic interface providing presence information to a sender, the electronic interface comprising:

a communications section receiving a request to initiate contact with a recipient, the request causing a processor to retrieve the recipient's profile information and to translate the recipient's profile information into a code number and to use the code number as a pointer to retrieve the recipient's presence information from the recipient's profile information, storing a profile associated with a recipient, the recipient's profile assigned a random and unique code number, and the recipient's profile requiring a password to access the profile, the communications section exchanging the recipient's code number and password with the sender, thus allowing the sender to access the recipient's profile [[,]] the communications section displaying the presence information of the [[a]] recipient, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of addresses associated with a plurality of contact devices; and

a contact section receiving a selection from the sender that selects a contact address to which a communication is addressed,

wherein receipt of the selection initiates sending the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender.

44.   (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact address.

45.   (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.

46.   (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates an electronic message to an email address.

47.   (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates an electronic message to a text messaging address.